

## U.S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION BOARD OF ADVISORS

## **RESOLUTION 2008-04**

Whereas, The United States Election Assistance Commission (EAC) is an agency of the United States federal government created by the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA); and

Whereas, in 2000, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) conducted a national polling place accessibility survey which reported only 20% of the nation's polling places were accessible; and

Whereas, due to the hard work of election officials and the disability community, there have been major improvements in polling place accessibility; and

Whereas, the GAO will be conducting a second polling place accessibility survey on November 4'2008; and

Whereas, some local and state election officials were reluctant to permit GAO survey-takers into their polling places; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved.* That the Board of Advisors recommends to the EAC that it contact local and state election officials and urge their cooperation with this year's survey.

A True Record Attest:

Christopher M. Thomas
Chair of the Board of Advisors

Submitted by Jim Dickson on <u>June 18, 2008</u> Approved as to form by Resolutions Committee on <u>June 18, 2008</u> Passed on <u>June 18, 2008</u> by a majority voice vote of those present.